



## National Service in Alaska



### MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN ALASKA

More than 740 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through national service in Alaska. Serving at more than 130 locations throughout the state, these citizens tutor and mentor children, support veterans and military families, provide health services, restore the environment, respond to disasters, increase economic opportunity, and recruit and manage volunteers.

This year, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) will commit more than \$4,440,000 to support Alaska communities through national service initiatives. CNCS invests in cost-effective community solutions--working hand in hand with local partners to improve lives, expand economic opportunity, and engage citizens in solving problems in their communities. Serving in many of the state's most impoverished communities, CNCS provides vital support to schools, food banks, homeless shelters, community health clinics, youth centers, veterans service facilities, and other nonprofit and faith-based organizations at a time of growing demand for services. Through a unique public-private partnership, this federal investment will leverage an additional \$2,030,000 in other resources to strengthen community impact, build local support, and increase return on taxpayer dollars.

**AmeriCorps:** This year AmeriCorps will provide more than 230 individuals the opportunity to provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs in communities across Alaska. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the Serve Alaska, which in turn awards grants to nonprofit groups to respond to local needs. Most of the remainder of the grant funding is distributed by CNCS directly to multi-state and national organizations through a competitive grants process. Other individuals serve through AmeriCorps VISTA, whose members help bring individuals and communities out of poverty by serving full-time to fight illiteracy, improve health services, create businesses, and increase housing opportunities, and AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps), a 10-month, full time residential program for men and women between the ages of 18 and 24. In exchange for their service, AmeriCorps members earn an education award that can be used to pay for college or to pay back qualified student loans. Since 1994, more than 3,900 Alaska residents have served more than 5.1 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$10,500,000.

**Senior Corps:** More than 510 seniors in Alaska contribute their time and talents in one of three Senior Corps programs. Foster Grandparents serve one-on-one as tutors and mentors to more than 99 young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 0 homebound seniors and other adults maintain independence in their own homes. RSVP volunteers conduct safety patrols, renovate homes, protect the environment, tutor and mentor youth, respond to natural disasters, and provide other services across Alaska.

**Social Innovation Fund:** The Social Innovation Fund transforms lives and communities using limited federal investment as a catalyst to grow the impact of nonprofits with evidence of strong results. It harnesses the expertise of grantmaking intermediaries to identify, evaluate and expand effective nonprofits and engages funding partners to contribute nearly three dollars to every one federal dollar invested. As the Social Innovation Fund network grows programs that work in Alaska, more people are able to overcome their most pressing challenges in the areas of economic opportunity, health, and youth development. The Social Innovation Fund is investing more than \$140,000 in expanding the impact of 1 nonprofit in Alaska.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. CNCS annually engages more than five million Americans in service to meet local needs through Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and national days of service; improves communities through the Social Innovation Fund, and leads President Obama's national call to service initiative, United We Serve. To learn more visit [NationalService.gov](http://NationalService.gov) or [Serve.gov](http://Serve.gov) or call 202-606-5000 or TTY 1-800-833-3722.

# Alaska At a Glance

<b>AmeriCorps</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants <sup>1</sup>	Education Scholarships <sup>2</sup>	Program Funding
AmeriCorps National	4	26	46	\$547,165	\$294,225 <sup>3</sup>
AmeriCorps State Competitive	2	28	35	\$197,575	\$461,000
AmeriCorps State Formula	4	39	116	\$338,700	\$603,212
AmeriCorps VISTA	10	30	33	\$188,070	\$536,910
<b>AMERICORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>\$1,271,510</b>	<b>\$1,895,347</b>
<b>Senior Corps</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Foster Grandparent Program	1	15	235	-	\$735,146
RSVP	1	-	280	-	\$78,003
<b>SENIOR CORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$813,149</b>
<b>Social Innovation Fund</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Nonprofit Subgrantees	1	-	-	-	\$146,753
<b>SOCIAL INNOVATION FUND TOTAL (Current Projects Only)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$146,753</b>
<b>Other Funding</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$320,000
<b>OTHER FUNDING TOTAL (Current Projects Only)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$320,000</b>
<b>PROGRAM TOTALS</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>138 <sup>4</sup></b>	<b>745</b>	<b>\$1,271,510</b>	<b>\$3,175,249</b>
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)</b>					<b>\$4,446,759</b>
<b>TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)</b>					<b>\$2,031,545 <sup>5</sup></b>
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT</b>					<b>\$6,478,304</b>

- Notes: The data shown represents a snapshot in time. CNCS project sites, participants, and funding change throughout the year, so the data may not reflect current conditions.
- This figure represents the number of awarded positions available to be filled in the 2014 - 2015 program year. For AmeriCorps VISTA, this represents the actual number of VISTA members in active service.
  - This figure represents the maximum potential value of Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards that can be earned by AmeriCorps members serving in Alaska. The award can be used in any state to pay for college, graduate school, vocational training, or to pay back student loans. The education award total is included in total CNCS funding.
  - AmeriCorps National figures may include national programs headquartered in the state and/or operating sites of national programs that are headquartered in other states. Funding reflects the estimated proportionate share of the national grant associated with operating sites in this report. Some national organizations do not report operating site data, or it was not available at time of publishing, so figures may not reflect current conditions.
  - The service location total may contain multiple counts of unique locations where multiple CNCS programs are operating.
  - As part of its public-private partnership approach, CNCS requires grantees to leverage additional resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on the federal investment. This figure reflects non-CNCS cash and in-kind resources that CNCS grantees and project sponsors have committed to raise to support their programming activities across the state.



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## AmeriCorps VISTA

AmeriCorps VISTA member Brian Richardson helps Youth Advocates of Sitka (YAS), Inc. provide comprehensive behavioral mental health services for youth and their families in the Sitka community. During his tenure, Richardson created a youth-run business employment training program for low-income youth who suffer from emotional and behavioral disorders. He first organized a panel of students who helped determine that the youth-run business will be a mobile smoothie truck, and then developed a business plan for a smoothie truck, where youth will work with YAS staff to practice vocational skills and earn a stipend. Richardson also raised more than \$27,000 to support youth in developing job skills and finding and maintaining permanent employment in the community. He created a Pre-Employment Life Skills class to help develop the skills necessary for finding and securing a job and collaborated with the local alternative Pacific High School and the Sitka Tribe of Alaska to provide this class, which began in fall 2014.

The Innovation Lab at Loussac Library is an interesting place to visit, thanks to the effort of the staff and AmeriCorps VISTA member Darla Hane, the Lab coordinator. Hane has helped secure more than \$21,000 to renovate and sustain Lab, a community-driven center for education and exploration. Visit the Lab and you may find Hane hanging art and sipping coffee with graffiti-style artists, on the phone with the FBI scheduling an informational workshop, entertaining the Mexican Consulate staff with her very limited Spanish as they collaborate on a financial literacy workshop, or a meeting with refugees who need help creating resumes. Along with rotating monthly art exhibits, the Lab hosts workshops in resume writing, grants and small business loans, and several other classes and discussions geared toward job skills and creative entrepreneurship. Hane collaborated with the city's burgeoning, creative-industry entrepreneurs to host a Global Entrepreneurship Week at the Lab and helped organize the Anchorage Mini-Maker Faire at the library to showcase what people are inventing, creating, and learning. Makers ranged from tech enthusiasts to crafters to homesteaders to scientists to garage tinkerers. Hane also helped create Fashion August, a series of workshops and lectures on how to dress for and act on a job interview that culminated in a runway show on interview clothing. To assure that educational experiences in the Lab remain high quality and unique, Hane is currently establishing partnerships with 65 nonprofits and community organizations, recruiting workshop speakers and teachers, and helping to secure additional funds to make the Lab sustainable.

## AmeriCorps NCCC

An AmeriCorps NCCC team served the Wrangell Institute for Science and Environment, which provides science and environmental education to all age groups, resources for learning, and support for scientific research. The primary purpose of AmeriCorps NCCC's service was environmental stewardship; through trail building, invasive species removal, and other maintenance projects. Through their service with the Wrangell Institute, the team leveled a hiking trail for construction, placed gravel on the trail, and removed 50 trees to begin trail construction. The team also cleared brush and constructed an anchor bridge. The team also had the opportunity to serve other organizations while in Alaska, including the Bureau of Land Management, the Wellwood Nature Preserve, the United States Forest Service, and the Copper River Watershed Project. While serving with the Bureau of Land Management, corps members removed over four tons of trash and brush and constructed and outhouse. The Copper River Watershed Project built 70 feet of new creek bank, planted 1,800 plant shoots at the creek bed, removed trash, replanted native plants, and restored an acre of wildlife habitat.

An AmeriCorps NCCC team served with Ketchikan Youth Initiatives, an organization whose mission is to meet the needs of youth and young adults in the Ketchikan community who suffer from the burdens of poverty and addictions to alcohol and other drugs. During their service, the team built an outdoor paintball park. In order to create the park, the team cut down trees, built a trail leading to the park, and cleared the ground to prepare for construction. The team also painted a storage shed and informational signs at Ketchikan Youth Initiatives. In addition to their service with Ketchikan Youth Initiatives, corps members served with the Tongass National Forest, where they restored trail and cleared campgrounds of 400 pounds of underbrush. The team also assisted the Southeast Alaska Independent Living (SAIL), where they supported recreational programming by facilitating recreational activities for developmentally disabled individuals. The team also provided volunteer support at the annual Fools only Run at Midnight 5k.

## Senior Corps Foster Grandparent Program

This semester, the Elder Mentors/Foster Grandparents of New Stuyahok village have been working with high school students to share Yup'ik language skills and culture. Students have learned to make fishing gear out of bone and wood and have engraved both their English and Yup'ik names in the material. They have also learned how to clean and prepare beaver meat, which is shared with the community Elders as part of Yup'ik tradition. The students prepared speeches and presented their projects to the local School Board, and shared in a meal of beaver which was prepared by the class. Elder Sacally Wonhola, Sr. states "It's good so the students won't lose their native language." As one student said, "We can pass the Yup'ik language on to the next generation." The Elders Mentors/Foster Grandparents provide a critical role helping keep high school students engaged in school and committed to their academics. In rural Alaska's tribal villages, the stakes are high – learning these skills is about food security and survival. Having a relevant training program and an elder presence increases their chances for success.

## Social Innovation Fund

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AMERICORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS/PROJECTS
CURRENT (as of March 12, 2015)	230	20
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	157	13

Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Anchorage	Alaska (Current) Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest	25	AmeriCorps National
Anchorage	Alaska Institute for Justice (Completed) Alaska Immigration Justice Project	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Anchorage	Anchorage Public Library Teen & Workforce Dev. Programs (Current) Municipality of Anchorage	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
Anchorage	Assets Building & Job Training (Current) Catholic Social Services	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Anchorage	BIRCH Fixed Award (Current) Rural Alaska Community Action Program	15	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Anchorage	Cook Inlet Housing Authority Vista project (Current) Cook Inlet Housing Authority	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
Anchorage	Development Assistant (Completed) First Alaskans Institute	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Anchorage	Herndon, VA IMAT Task Force (March 19 - May 29, 2014) FEMA IMAT East Facility	-	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Anchorage	Learn & Earn Alaska (Completed) Nine Star Enterprises, Inc.	29	AmeriCorps State Formula
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Anchorage	Operation Homefront-AK (Current) American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters	1	AmeriCorps National
Anchorage	Rural Alaska Community Action Program (Current) Rural Alaska Community Action Program	5	AmeriCorps VISTA
Anchorage	Rural Alaska Village Environmental Network (Current) Rural Alaska Community Action Program	20	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Anchorage	SCA Alaska (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	20	AmeriCorps National
Anchorage	SCA AmeriCorps National Direct Alaska (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
Anchorage	Univ of Alaska - Center for Economic Development (Current) University of Alaska - Anchorage	6	AmeriCorps VISTA
Bethel	Growth Through Internet Marketing in Western Alaska (Completed) Association of Village Council Presidents	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Copper Center	Environmental Project Support (June 3 - July 16, 2014) Wrangell Institute for Science and Environment	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Cordova	Domestic Violence Prevention, Outreach, and Support (Completed) Cordova Family Resource Center	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Fairbanks	Fairbanks North Star Borough VISTA Project (Completed) Fairbanks North Star Borough	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Fairbanks	University of Alaska Fairbanks (Current) University of Alaska Fairbanks	5	AmeriCorps VISTA
Glennallen	Ahtna Education Planning Project (Completed) Ahtna Heritage Foundation	-	AmeriCorps Indian Tribes
Juneau	Alaska Service Corps (Completed) SouthEast Alaska Guidance Association (SAGA)	60	AmeriCorps State Formula
Juneau	Alaska State Library: Libraries Build Communities Project (Current) Alaska State Library	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Juneau	Domestic Violence Prevention (Current) Alaska Network on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault	5	AmeriCorps VISTA
Juneau	SAGA Connections (Current) SouthEast Alaska Guidance Association (SAGA)	24	AmeriCorps State Formula
Juneau	SAGA Service Corps (Current) SouthEast Alaska Guidance Association (SAGA)	56	AmeriCorps State Formula



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Ketchikan	Youth Recreational Project Support (June 3 - July 16, 2014) Ketchikan Youth Initiatives	6	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Palmer	Alaska Food Policy Council (Current) DNR, Division of Agriculture	2	AmeriCorps VISTA
Sitka	Sheldon Jackson Campus Revitalization (Current) Sitka Sound Science Center, Inc.	4	AmeriCorps VISTA
Sitka	Sitka AmeriCorps (Completed) Sitka School District/Community School	14	AmeriCorps State Formula
Sitka	Sitka AmeriCorps (Current) Sitka School District/Community School	18	AmeriCorps State Formula
Sitka	Sitka Connections AmeriCorps (Current) Sitka School District/Community School	18	AmeriCorps State Formula

Notes: If there are programs with identical names in separate entries, they are different grants to the same organization. If no members are shown, either the grant is for planning or technical assistance, or enrollment data was not available at the time of printing.  
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# Senior Corps in Alaska



SENIOR CORPS TOTALS	PARTICIPANTS	PROGRAMS
CURRENT (as of March 12, 2015)	515	2
COMPLETED (within last 12 months)	0	0

Primary City	Program Name	Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Anchorage	Rural Alaska Community Action Program II (Current)	Rural Alaska Community Action Program	235	Foster Grandparent Program
Anchorage	Southcentral Alaska RSVP (Current)	Volunteers of America of Alaska	280	RSVP

Note: The city column refers to the location of sponsor organization. Volunteers may be serving in other locations than the city listed.

## Nonprofit Subgrantees in Alaska

Program HQ Location	Nonprofit Subgrantee Name	Description
	<i>Intermediary</i>	
Wasilla, AK	Mat-Su Health Services The John A. Hartford Foundation	<p>The John A. Hartford Foundation plans to disseminate the IMPACT model of depression treatment through community health clinics as subgrantees to serve low-income, rural communities in Wyoming, Washington, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho. The IMPACT model is a collaborative care approach in which a primary care provider (PCP) and care manager team, along with a psychiatric consultant, provide treatment for depression. The care managers and PCPs retain primary responsibility for treatment and receive advice from the psychiatric consultant when patients are not improving. The key anticipated outcomes for the SIF IMPACT evaluation include the following: 1) Increased access to effective depression treatment for low-income patients in rural areas; 2) Decreased depression and improved social and occupational functioning among these patients; and 3) Improved economic well-being of individuals and families served including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Reduction of costs related to health care expenditures;</li> <li>b) Improvements in employment and related income; and</li> <li>c) Reduction in care-related costs for depression that are borne by family members.</li> </ul>